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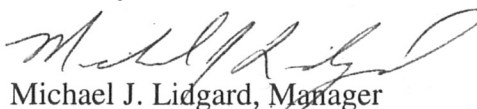
RE: Proposed NPDES Permit Reissuance for the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery  
(WA000190-2)

Dear Ms. Mills:

EPA is initiating public notice action for reissuance of the NPDES permit issued to the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery and is transmitting a copy of the proposed permit for your review and comment. This federal hatchery discharges into Icicle Creek, a tributary to the Wenatchee River. In drafting this permit, EPA attempted to achieve regulatory consistency between similar dischargers in Washington by utilizing many of the same conditions Ecology established in your general permit for fish hatcheries. EPA also consulted with Ecology staff about the state's recently published water quality evaluation of the Wenatchee River watershed. A TMDL is currently being developed for discharges of pollutants that contribute to existing water quality problems in this watershed. Stringent water quality-based effluent limitations (WQBELs) are being proposed for discharge of phosphorus from this hatchery which EPA believes will help resolve these problems. The WQBELs may be changed via permit modification or reissuance if the TMDL determines other wasteload allocations are necessary.

After completion of the public participation process, EPA will transmit a copy of the final permit to Ecology requesting the state provide CWA 401 certification within 30 days as provided by 40 CFR §124.53. Technical questions regarding the proposed permit may be referred to David Ragsdale in our Olympia Field Office at (360) 407-6589 or [ragsdale.dave@epa.gov](mailto:ragsdale.dave@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

  
Michael J. Lidgard, Manager  
NPDES Permit Unit

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